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SPECIAL WAR NOTES

THE PEACE THAT DAWNS UPON AMERICAN SOIL MORE HASTENS THE

SOLVING OF THE NEGRO PROBLEM.

The Growth and Development Tells the True Story.—Precept and Example, Coupled With Unfaltering Courage the Safe Methods.—The Black Soldier.

NOTE:—The series of articles furnished under the head; "Special War Notes," of which the following is the seventh were written especially for The Freeman, and will contain brief sketches of the black heroes who took such a conspicuous part in the campaign of 1898.

We have had Spanish-American war histories galore during the past six months, and to ask the reading public to indulge just once more means that this "once more" must contain some thing extraordinary to reccommend it. Fortunately we have an extraordinary war book to offer. This book will come from the press of F. Tennyson Neely, Publisher, New York and London. The major portion of this work was written by Negroes who actually participated in the conflict in Cuba, and its title, "The Tenth United States Cavalry Under Fire" tells the true story. Having had a hand in the preparation of this book, I can speak with authority concering it. "The Tenth U. S. Cavalry Under Fire" will be the most, interesting and thrilling narrative yet given to the public. It will give the Negro's version of the campaign. General Joseph Wheeler who writes the introduction says:

"With unfaltering courage and devotion they (the Negro soldiers of the Tenth) took part in the heroic charge of the cavalry at La Guasimas and after that gallant fight, moved steadily forward with the cavalry division, forded the San Juan River, and under a murderous fire, gained the crest of San Juan Hill and captured the formidable entrenchments of the Spaniards, driving back the astonished enemy, fighting by day and working by night until glorious victory crowned their efforts and peace once more dawned upon our beloved country.

The reports of all their commanders unite in commending the Negro soldiers. All speak of their brave and good conduct, their obedience and coolness under a galling fire.

Those who see in the future of the colored race in America a difficult and perplexing problem will find encouragement in this book, the product of Negro intelligence and the record of Negro patriotism, and be brought to the conclusion that the more enlightened men of the race are solving the problem by teaching the their disciples, both by precept and example to elevate themselves through the only sure and safe method, that of education.

In the unchanging natural law of growth and developement will be the problem. By education discipline and judicious training, the pecular characteristics and virtues of the race may be developed, and with enlightened judgement, they will learn the great truth, that a man is worthy of respect in porportion to his intrinsic metal and moral worth.

"Is it then any wonder or matter of surprise that the colored troops true to their inborn spirit of loyalty, went forth full of martial enthusiasm to battle with a foreign foe and returned from Cuba's blood-stained field covered with glory."

Ever since the time when the Negro was first permitted to take part in the martial and patriotic activities of the American colonists he has been loyal to his trust as a soldier. This work will show what he has done for the sacred cause of liberty. It will show the sacrifices he has made for humanity.

It is interesting to note what the leading journals have had to say for the Negro soldiery of the United States. I have saved up a volume of these clippings and I give the readers of The Freeman just a few choice selections.

From the New York Mail and Express:—All honor to the black troopers of the gallant Tenth. No more striking example of bravery and coolness has been shown since the destruction of the Maine than by the colored veterans of the Tenth Cavalry during the attack upon El Caney. By the side of the intreped Rough Riders they followed their leader up the terrible hill from whose crest the Spaniards poured down a deadly fire of shells and musketry. They never faltered. The rents in their ranks were filled as soon as made. Firing as they marched, their aim was splendid, their coolness was superb, and their courage aroused the admiration of their comrades. Their advance was greeted with wild cheers from the white regiments, and with answering shouts they pressed onward over the trenches they had taken close in pur suit of the retreating enemy. The war has not shown greater heroism. The men whose own freedom was baptized with blood have proved themselves capable of giving up their lives that others may be free.

From the Washington Post.—"If it had not been for the Negro cavalry, the Rough riders would have been exterminated. I am not a Negro lover. My father fought with Mosby's Rangers and I was born in the South but the Negroes saved that fight and the day will come when General Shafter will give them credit for their bravery."

From the New York Sun.—Meanwhile the Ninth Cavalry (colored) advanced steadily. At three o'clock in the afternoon the First and Tenth Cavalry came up as did also the Rough Riders. Col. Taylor took the Ninth out and flanked the enemy on the left between our troops and the river. The jungle was up to their shoulders. All the troops advanced into this. The enemy had recovered meanwhile and was sending a heavy fire into our ranks. Men were dropping everywhere. Some one set up the old-fashioned rebel yell, and the others took it up as one man. The soldiers leaped forward, charging and shooting across the field of manigua to the river. The steep banks were muddy, but our men dashed and slid down them, yelling like mad. Across the stream they went and up the other side, the Spainards pouring shot into them at a lively rate. They could no more stop the advance however than they could have stopped an avalanche. The block house, a hundred yards away continued its fire and contested every inch of the advance. The yelling and enthusiastic Americans charged on the blockhouse, driving the enemy before them. The enthusiasm of the Ninth Cavalry was at its highest pitch and so it was with the other troops. Only annihilation could drive them back; the Spaniards could not.

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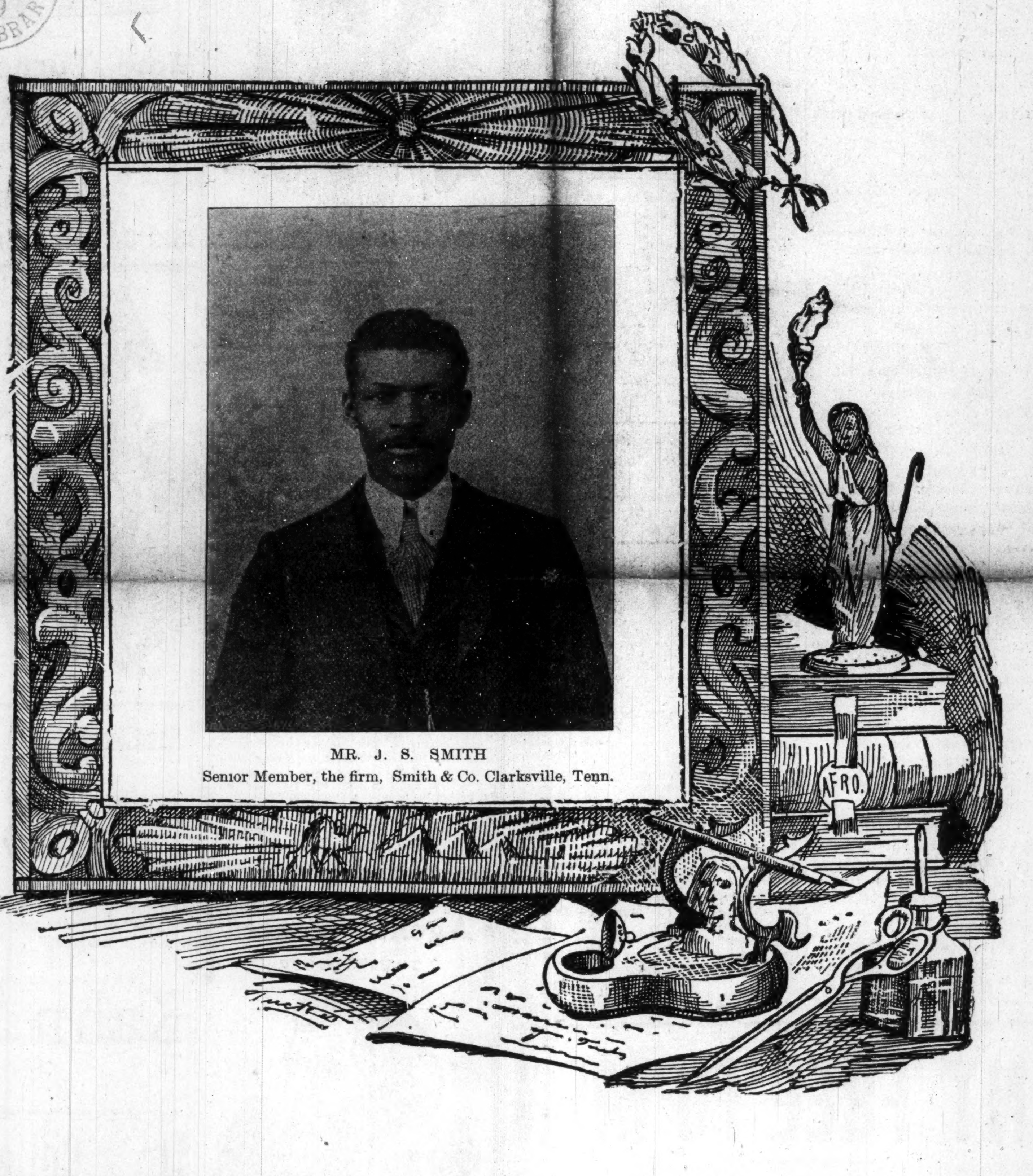

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Mr. J. S. Smith the senior partner of J. S. Smith and Company, of Clarkville, Tenn., was born in Robertson County near Springfield, Tenn. He was deprived of his mother when at the age of thirteen and his father at eight. Being left alone to battle with the hardrhips of the world, he started out to educate himself by working hard on the farm and going to school two and three months in the winter. At the age of twenty he went to Springfield, Tenn., residing there several years where he conducted a family grocery. Being anxious to enjoy the many blessings of life (which he had been taught) awaited all Negroes south of the Ohio river, in 1880 he visited several cities in Indiana, Illinois and many towns in Missouri, returning home in 1881. Soon afterward taking charge of Mt. Hermon Circuit. In 1883 he was married to a handsome widow, Miss Nannie Jackson. In 1890 he entered Central Tennessee College remaining one term returning home, in '91 he engaged in daily labor four years at the end of which he began peddling clothes in a blanket on commission, but within three months his business so increased he had to move into larger quarters at 104 south 3rd street where he is now doing the largest clothing business in the city. In '95 an undertaking department was added in which Mrs. A. A. Dubney, a noted lady of the city took stock with Messrs Smith and McKinnon, and the firm now bears the name of J. S. Smith & Co.

News Notes.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special.

Rev. Phillip, the Baptist Missionary of Golconda, made a business trip to our city, last week. Rev. S. S. Oliver is the guest of his family here. Murda Beason is confined to her home with lagrippe. Earl and Ruby Sebra, Allie Bush and and Alabama Turnley are victims of the German measles. Charles Nash, who was afflicted with consumption, died Thursday 16 inst. and was buried, the Saturday following at old Union Cemetry near Mt. Vernon.

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IN AND ABOUT OUR CITY. OUR SICK LIST—SOCIAL EVENTS.—NEWS

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General—The Grim Reaper Continues His Untiring Struggle.—Easter Preparations Galore—"Honesty the Best Policy."—A Colored Orator's Recital.

Duluth, Minn., Special.

Mrs. H. J. Shelton who for the past few weeks has been confined to her bed at St. Luke's Hospital expects to return to her home in the near future. Miss Zelia Evans, of St. Paul who has been visiting her mother in our city, returned to her home Friday evening. The Palace Sleeping Car of the C. P. R. Co., was in our city Thursday and Friday of this week, on exhibition. The car was visited by scores of people and is said to be the finest sleeping car in the world. T. C. Davis has entire charge of this "Palace on Wheels" and conducts the visitors through, explaining and answering the numerous questions that are asked of him. He is a young colored man of Montreal. Misses Claudie and Josephine Waughn of West Superior were the guests of Miss Amelia H. Porter Friday afternoon and evening. An exceedingly pleasant evening was spent by all. The young ladies J. G. T. Club of Duluth and Superior, offer a diamond stud to the one society young man securing the honor by the public as being the most stylish dressed gentleman on Easter Sunday. Signed:—S. M. W., president, H. M. B., secretary. A. H. P. treasurer. W. D. Dawson seems to be wearing an exceedingly broad smile these few past weeks. What's the cause. A. Richards, the colored orator of St. Paul, gave a private lecture to to the G. N., St. P. D., and the Wagner Porters, at the home of Mrs. E. A Porter Tuesday evening. His subject was "Honesty of a colored porter on a sleeping car," which proved to be more than beneficial to all present. Wednesday evening a pound party under the leadership of Mrs. A. McCowen visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rev. R. Taylor. The party found Mrs. Taylor seriously ill but the packages were left and all returned to the home of Mrs. McCowen where a pleasant evening was spent. Even Mr. Duncan was out and brought with him what he loves best,—a ham.

News Notes.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

The State Teacher's Association will convene in this city the 13, of April. Prof, C. M. Well has returned home after teaching six months in Ozark, Ala. We all welcome him back to the Bluff City. The People's Advocate is a new paper published here, J. L. Seabrooks editor. A. H. Gary business Manager and W. H. Wallace, reporter. Rev. R. T. Pollard pastor of the first Baptist church has commenced a revival and it is hoped that much good may be accomplished. The Freeman can be found on sale every Saturday at John A. Ward's grocery store. P. M. C. Logan says The Freeman should be in every colored man's home, he says he'll help. Dr. W. C. Banton preached an excellent sermon at the A. M. E. church last Sunday. Wedding Bells will ring on the 29th. Watch the Freeman, leave your orders at Ward's grocery store for a copy of The Freeman. Mrs. Norcissa Johnson while returning from church on the night of the 13th, in company with her husband happened with an accident. She stepped into a box used by the railroad company to dump the cinders from the engine. The box was about four feet deep she received a severe shock and several bruises. We all wish her a speedy recovery. The Freeman's agent is getting up a "Freeman Club" call on im for further information.

B. SQUARE'S BLUSTER

Speaking of the people of Nicaragua, a writer on the "New York Express" says: "The people down there are for the most part a mixture of Spanish, Indian and negro, and possess the characteristics of each race—the treachery of the Spaniard, the cunning of the Indian and the timidity of the negro. The cross results in high cheekbones, small, deep-set eyes, thick lips and a flat nose. The color is light brown. The men are undersized, but the women are remarkably tall and have a most graceful carriage, due to the custom of carrying on their heads burdens which we ordinarily carry in our hands. This gives them an erect bearing, and, on account of the constant exercise of the muscles of the neck and shoulders, beautifully rounded throats and busts."

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Facts are facts and the fact that the student of human nature has learned (and the writer of the above—Victor Smith—is a student of human nature—) is that the Negro is timid—or, in other words, a coward. The Negro cannot change his skin or complexion but he can extirpate the seeds of heredity; he can cease to be a coward and be a hero in the battle of life—the battle for right, the battle for American citizenship for himself and children. Will he do it? That's the question.

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"Of all sad thoughts of tongue or pen
The saddest are these: 'It might have been'"

or it might be, but will not be, because the Negro will not put his best foot forward. How long will this state of affairs exist or continue? That's the question.

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It is strange but true, if you "laugh the world will laugh with you, cry and you cry alone." If you make a success of a progressive move you are lionized, if you fail you are called a fool or a mad man.

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The poem: "Take Up the White Man's Burden" must by this writing have "that tired feeling" the way it has been hit with prose and kicked by some very bad "poetical feet," during the past few weeks in all of the Negro newspapers. It has been a case of hitting a fellow when he was down. The poem, if not its author, has long since wished it had never been born, as every Negro poet (?) save the writer, has given it kicks and such kicks, from such "feet." Well Poor poem, "now will you be good?"

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Let me say between the lines, that "poets are born, not made" so are fools, still you can make a fool of yourself but you cannot make yourself a poet. Facts are facts and fate is fate.

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Does it pay for the members of The Freeman's "Round Table" and the staff writers of the other leading Negro journals to sit up nights, "pinting the way" to a better future for the race, to use the language of "Uncle Noah Baxter? (by-the-way what has become of Uncle Noah Baxter? is he dead) or is it lost time? I know it does not pay from a financial viewpoint, does it pay "for the good of the race? "Ay there's the rub." Is the race taking the good advice found in the columns of "The Freeman," "The Colored American," "The Richmond Planet" and other good race papers? Alas! I fear not.

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Do we "great" race writers, mind-moulders, "leaders," teachers and others, practice what we preach? Or are we like the old backwoods preacher saying to the race or those of the race who read our good advice: "Don't do as I do, but do as I say do?" That's the question.

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The best sermon I ever heard preached by a colored minister, was preached by an ungodly scamp, who at the time should have been in state's prison; a man who had broken up, at least, five happy homes. The best temperance lecture I ever heard in my life was delivered on last New Year's Eve by the biggest drunkard in Brooklyn. I expect, when several of "the boys" see this in print they will all "ask me out" either to "take something" to pay me for calling them by name, or get angry and ask me out to fight a duel. In either case I will decline with thanks or—well, that is I will decline the duel part, as I never will fight a duel, if I can help it I have a double motive for not intending to fight a duel; in the first place I am afraid I will offend both God and man, and—in the next place, I am afraid of being shot. If therefore I take any notice of "the boys" in and am "asked out" I will choose "take something" instead of the guns or swords.

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In the next place, I have more to loose than "the boys" as I am a widower with three small children and "the boys" I have in mind are single and (so far as I know) childless. On the other hand, if one of the said "boys" has more "responsibilities" than I claim, why he has more at stake and I am too much of a hero to be coward enough to shoot such a man, besides I'm a poor shot. Again, it might go against my stomach "to take something" but a well aimed shot would go through it. Hence no duel. (After the person I had in mind reads this he will forgive and forget and say that "the drinks" (whatever that means) are on him. Not so with the preacher but he is miles away from Brooklyn, and that sermon was preached fifteen years ago. He is still preaching, and who knows but he has long since reformed and practices what he preaches?

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The white Republican bosses, may however, get so "skeer'd" by the Negro Press howl, that they will prepare a political "feast" for the colored voters of the party. If so, it is safe to bet your head this will be the

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ENTREE

Patronage Turkey Feathers fried in lies
White House Crumbs, a la McKinley

VEGETABLES

Cold Potatoes — Skunk's Cabbage
Green Gourds — "Dead Beats"

PASTRY

Humble Pie — Wind Pudding
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"From the tenor of the Negro Press great things will happen at the next Republican Convention or there will be considerable crow to be eaten."—The Freeman.

No great things will happen but the Negro will eat his crow just as of yore with, perhaps, a little more Hope Sauce on "de bird," only this and nothing more.

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Some "great" race writers and "leaders" will not notice an advance thought unless it crawls out of their own skulls, not so with me. Here is another "eye opener" from "The Standard" of Lexington, Ky.: "The Negro is a greater enemy to himself than all the white discriminating agencies combined."

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By-the-way, if this paragraph should "arrest the pensive eye" of the Hon. C. H. J. Taylor, will he kindly send me a late copy of his newspaper, the "Appeal." Will he allow me an "Appeal?" If not, why not?

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What has become of Brock's "World-at-Large?" What has become of "Uncle" Noah Baxter? What has become of several other members of The Freeman's "Round Table?"

B. SQUARE.

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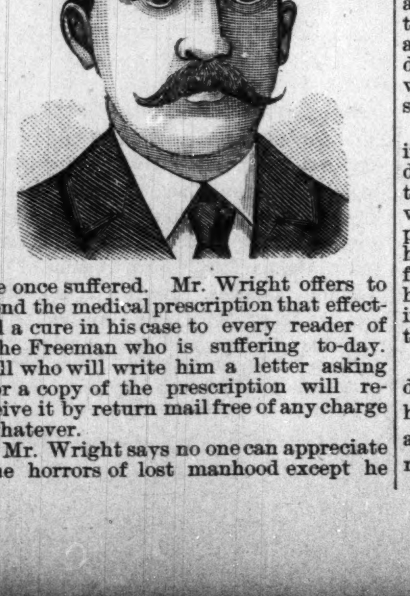

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Smiled high with pride where side by side
  The nation's children pressed!

But north and south and east and west
  The mountain and the plain,
The prairie and the desert,
  Yielded their flower again.
East and west and south and north
  The flower of the land,
Hearing the mother's call, went forth
  To stand at her right hand.

We be many hands in labor,
  But one arm for the right;
One blood to shed, one heart till dead,
  One good sword for the fight;
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  Beneath the ancient flag,
And the southerner dies to rebaptize
  His own the "Yankee rag!"
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Mr. H. T. Healing, editor of the A. M. E. Church Review. Philadelphia, has accepted Principal Booker T. Washington's invitation to deliver the commencement address at the Tuskegee Normal and Industrlal Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama, in May.

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Mary F. Jenning, our representative at Wheeling, W.. Va., writes:—"In your issue of the 18th, inst., you spoke of a gentleman having the honor of being the only colored student at Yale College. I wish to rectify that, as William Wright, of Bridgeport, O., is also a student there, being in the Medical Department. He has been there for two years."

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Principal Booker T. Washington of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute. Tuskegee, Alabama, has been invited to deliver a lecture before the Birmingham Lyceum, of Birmingham, Alabama, upon some phase of the Negro problem. The Lyceum is composed exclusively of the most cultured and intellectual white men and women of Birmingham, and their invitation to Mr. Washington is the very first doubtless which has ever been extended a Negro by a similar Southern organization.

Among the Churches.

Brownsville, Tenn., Special,

Rev. A. D. Hurt, superintendent of State Missions, preached at the First Baptist Church; Thursday Feb. 16th, His discourse was able and instructive. Rev. Farmer has begun his protracted meeting. Rev. Morgan of Union City will assist him. Dr. W. A. Levier, Pharmacist of Meharry Medical College is at home visiting his relatives and friends. Rev. J. H. Fulton of Lebanon, Tenn., a graduate of Roger Williams University preached two powerful sermons at the First Baptist church Sunday March 10. The sermons were full of wholesome thoughts, and the people were highly pleased. The exercises of the literary society of March 10, were executed entirely by the pupils of the Brownsville public schools. The instrumental pieces rendered by Misses Mattie Smith, Josephine and Mamie Lee and Master Claudius Gloster were excellent. March 8, 1899, was a memorable day in Brownsville. The Brownsville public school was entirely destroyed by fire. The piano and benches were saved. The building and contents were insured for $1300. We look for a better building and location.

Personal Mention.

Wheeling, W, Va., Special

A musical and dramatic entertainment will be given at Ebenezer Baptist church, March 27. After the entertainment all went to Market Hall to a "Poverty social." The many friends of William Norris will be pleased to learn that his arm will not be amputated, and that he is improving as rapidly as possible. Rev. J. N. Waters has returned from Roanoke, Va., where he has been attending Conference. Simeon Allen formerly of this city, now a resident of Philadelphia is in the city visiting his sisters Mrs. John Scott and Miss Della Allen. The entertainment given by the Busy Bee Club of which Reuben Norris is captain was a grand success, both socially and financially. Miss Mary Stranders of Pittsburg spent Sunday in Wheeling. Miss Francis Strauders is out again after having had an attack of la grippe.

Mr. Geo. L. Knox.

Dear Sir:—Whereas my subscription to The Freeman has expired I shall renew, you will please find enclosed an order of one dollar for renewal. I must say that The Freeman is the paper for me. Yours as a member of the race, and a reader of The Freeman,

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Editor The Freeman.

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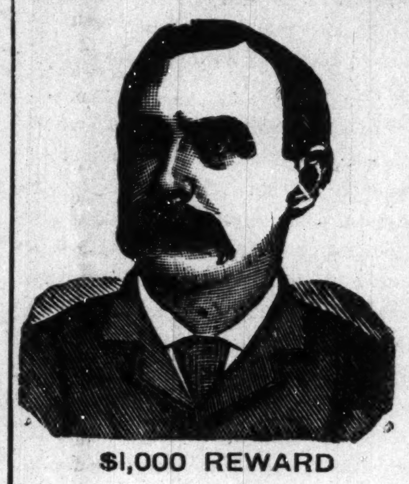

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Albert Ayres,
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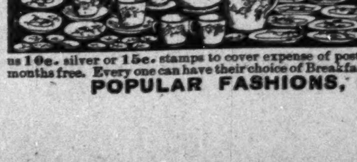

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DR. W. P. THIRKIELD, OF GEORGIA.

Dr. W. P. Thirkield, of the Gammon Theological Seminary, of Atlanta, Ga. has a very timely and sensible letter in the Constitution, of Atlanta, protesting against the actions of the mob at Palmetto. He deplores the mob's action from the tact that the relations between the races were of the friendliest kind. In view of these friendly relations he had offered the following resolutions, at the Atlanta conference in December:

"Resolved, That we observe with gratitude the sympathetic and cordial relations the white and colored people of this village and community and the mutual co-operation between them in Christian work and in civil life; and we pray that the spirit of tolerance and good will may ever exist among all the people of this commonwealth and throughout the Southland."

He insists that the charge of arson was simply from circumstantial evidence and that in reality there was nothing to show that the Negroes were guilty of the crimes.

"In the next place I see in the published reports and in the evidence I have from citizens, no real ground for the assumption that the crime of arson is the work of these peaceable and well-disposed colored people. No motive has been assigned for acts of incendiarism on their part that, on discovery meant certain death. There is reported no real ground in the attitude of the Negroes after the fires on which to base charges or a reasonable suspicion of arson. At the first fire, evidence showed that they worked like heroes to save the building. They were then charged with stealing the goods. This if true was easy to prove because their houses were open to search. It seems that this unwarranted charge so humiliated and disheartened them, that at the second fire they were not inclined to help in saving the goods from the burning building. This as I understand it started in some minds the suspicion that the Negroes were guilty of the incendiarism. It is certain that every citizen, black or white should have rendered all the aid possible in such an emergency. But, smarting under the charge of stealing in the former case, the attitude of the Negroes is not to be so greatly wondered at, though it is to be condemed.

Relying on the statements of Dr. Thirkield who must be considered trustworthy, it will be seen upon what slender pretexts the excuse for the diabolical outrages hung.

It is, however, gratifying to note that the better class of publications unhesitatingly denounce the mob spirit. This while it may not call back to earth those whose lives were forcibly wrested from them, yet it bespeaks a dawn of an era of unanimous denunciation and a probable reaction that may end in a sentiment that alone can frown down these unruly proceedings. The language of Dr. Thirkield is highly decorous and calcuto have weight. He does not compromise with the enemy—mob, but feels that some one should serve as an example in order to deter others that are mob bent. He says:

"These criminals can be found. A force of detectives can do this work if supported by the enlightened Christian sentiment of the community. Evidence at the inquest points toward men of your locality. This was rejected without further investigation. Let no criminal be shielded. Let no murderer escape. Such a determination will bring definite and speedy results. The presence in your community of lawless and heartless murderers who could deliberately make defenseless men stand up in a row and, in the face of their heart-rending cries of innocence and their pleadings with outstretched hands for mercy, then shoot them down in cold blood—the presence of such unpunished murders I affirm, is a menace to the peace and security of your property, your homes and your families. These men can be discovered; they can be brought to justice; if the moral sentiment of the best people of Palmetto asserts itself without fear and without favor. In the interest of justice and humaniy in the interests of prosperity and progress throughout the great state of Georgia; in the interests of the peace and welfare of both races and in sympathy and good will for all the people of both races, whom I have tried prayerfully and without prejudice to serve for the past sixteen years, I make this plea.

If the force of speech can in anywise mitigate the hard conditions it will be just the kind of utterances put forth by Dr. Thirkield in the Constitution, of Atlanta. Let this class of men heave to the front and the future will be better for the movement.

THE FREEMAN IN AFRICA.

I feel bound to commend the acute business enterprise displayed by your American contemporary The Freeman (Indianapolis,) in the publication of the last Xmas number, copies of which have just come to hand. The Xmas issue of the leading coloured journal in America contain twenty pages, profusely illustrated, and brimful of interesting, instructive and entertaining reading. The illustrations are splendid specimens of art, and consist of portraits of coloured celebrities, who have made their mark in the world of politics, art or letters. I regret that I have not the space to refer to these more fully, but I cannot resist the inclination to make some mention of the work and brilliant successes of Mr. Ernest Hogan, premier comedian and song writer. This remarkable parsonage, who according to his own words, "does not know how a school house looks inside," has by dint of perseverance and self-help raised himself to a position where he to-day commands an income of £1,600 by his talents. Mr. Hogan, who is only a little over thirty years of age, is not an "Afro-American" but a genuine Negro, very dark in complexion, and without a drop of Caucasian blood in his veins; so that his phenomenal success cannot be attributed to Anglo-Saxon antecedents.—Janus, in the Lagos Standard, Lagos, West Africa.

We submit the above as another testimonial of our endeavor. The consensus of opinions is that the Freeman is the leading Negro paper in America, and America to us means the world.

If those who do not live so far as Africa would cease their carping and rasping criticism and give honor and support to the enterprise it would move off with greater facility, widen its influence and bring respect and encomiums to the race in greater measure than is now noted.

It is safe to say that the English speaking world knows more of the Negro and in a more favorable light through the Freeman than any other single publication in the world.

In view of this fact it ought to be seen at once that a hair tearing policy is not the thing for such a paper. It would be suicidal to Negroes abroad if the opinion obtained generally that Negroes of the United States were anarchistically bent no matter what the provocation.

Nor must it be understood in Africa or elsewhere, that we are constantly plotting the overthrow of the powers that be. These are not on the scene and no amount of explanation could throw sufficient light on American racial affairs for foreigners to get a proper conception of them. The Africans and other foreigners are all ready pitying the Negroes of America as though they were waiting their turn at the gibbet. Mobs and lynching are held to be the rule, when really there are but comparatively few such outbreaks when the advertised relations of the race are considered. Far too many do occur but nothing like what the average foreigner thinks.

Our salvation is to be worked out; but an extra advertisement of some of the racial disadvantages and inconveniences do the race no good. To herald a disease in no wise serves as a remedy. The idea is one with the old soldier idea or the old slave idea; continually parading their wounds. Bury them, and over their grave swear new resolutions that promise new victories and the world will stop pitying to admire.

It was considered folly when a certain saint built for himself a hermitage high in the air, declaring he wanted to be near God. After all there is not so much folly in the lesson taught. To live high above the din and confusion of a sordid and disordered world is a privilege within the grasp of every man. It pays very often so to live "that when thy summons come to join the innumerable band, etc."

EASTER TIDE.

Easter Sunday with all its associations so dear to the Christian world will soon dawn upon us. In these days and times when religion or rather Christianity as professed is a subject of discussion among other races it may not be out of place to take an inventory of our Christian status.

Sam Jones accuses the race of having religion but devoid of the practices. Crane of Chicago accuses the race in much the same strain, insisting that it is religiosity that the colored people have and not the Christian virtues. How does the race stand up under such criticisms? While the Risen Lord perhaps is the theme for an Easter occasion yet the deep import of the criticisms is worthy of attention. Doubtless these very caustic criticisms are based upon the former condition of the race, upon the misrepresentation of the race, and the caricaturing of the race.

As to the former conditions of the race, it may have been true that owing to the slave system which in carrying out ecconomical principles; reducing the Negroes to the point of starvation or feeding them on food at which the stomach revolted, the colored people were forced to purloin the food the stomach naturally craved for.

It may be that this system of pilfering, the result of necessity finally became a habit established by example if not by precept and was considered as trifling. The degradation did not attach to the deed as it now does. The whites themselves often considered it a matter of amusement to catch the colored people in some ludicrous position on these foraging expeditions. So it may be seen they themselves are very much to blame for the looseness of the former Negroes' morals on these lines—by winking at the conduct after forcing it by the system of economy.

The race perhaps suffers from this in the minds of spectators even until the present time. It has long been caricatured on the stage, the rostrum and from every conceivable standpoint. Books have been written galore on the subject, by the best authors who could not forego making a little amusing fling at the Negroes' religion; so it passes current that it is simply fervor. These men who claim to have opinions ex-cathedra on the subject are doubtless impregnated by the humorist's wit, the minstrel's burlesque, and the comic part of some otherwise perhaps heavy literary production.

Notions of the race's Christianity are founded very often on these absolete ideas that very likely died at the birth of freedom. Newer notions of Christian duty have become if they have not been heretofore, a part of the race's religion, at least the race of to-day is cognizant of the duties devolving on all Christians whether they be white or black. It must be admitted however that in the language of the famous Amanda Smith the church stands in need of something. This applies generally but to the race especially.

The days of camp meetings and long tiers of mourner's benches are no more. This change seems a caprice of fashion, or is it a better conception of the Divine will? The latter theory is the only tenable one, the one that does not aim a blow at religion itself. But how can we account for the utter lack of religious feeling, feeling of reverence and adoration in our young people? Young men especially? What hope is there when the young are known to be actually ashamed of the calling? Ashamed of Christ?

Where do they get the notion that religion—the young men, that religion is a feminine notion unworthy the attention of sound headed men. That such an opinion prevails is to put it mildly. The accusation applies generally. Are there no men to be saved? Skepticism is rapidly taking hold of our youths. They may not put themselves in a direct opposition to the truthfulness of the Divine plan, etc., but they are becoming non-committal, putting the burden of the proof on the other man. They are not interested one way or the other as a rule. What's to become of the boys?

In the common schools the same disposition is noted. The work is thrown on the girls. The boys are simply not to be relied on as a rule in helping give standing to a school-room. There may be the individual smart boy but as a whole he rather shifts the burden on the girls. In church the condition is very much the same. At home it is said to be very often the same.

But as to the lack of religious devotion it is nearly the same in the youths of both sexes, but naturally the preponderance is in the girl's favor. There must soon be awakened or Christianity for the young in its best sense will be a thing of the past.

Scorn to do a mean act.

Easter Sabbath and a gospel of peace.

Contrive to let more Christ in and gain a larger understanding.

Morality and a high sense of manliness are some race saving qualities.

The utmost respect for the feelings of one another is very often forgotten.

Let us see; 20,000,000 for the Philippines, a good up and up fight, hundreds killed and wounded, millions in expense, swollen pension list, widows, orphans etc. What for? In order to hand The Philippines to Aguinaldo in ship-shape style. Well, we don't think. What can Aguinaldo be thinking about?

Do Negroes respect one another? is a question that is very often asked. Some one has said that some of those who attack one one another most savagely throw their hats away when they come in contact with the white man, while others are savage to all forms of man. Society has no place for either species.

Easter Sunday thought. It is usual to note the middle aged man or woman, the old man or woman bent in humble devotion to their maker. But the sublimest of all is to witness the young, the maiden in the first flush of youth and beauty, the noble browed son, rich in the ruddy glow of health, bent in humble supplication before the Divine Master. It takes Longfellow to tell us of the Children's Lord's Supper.

Music and art may not butter parsnips but it establishes a soul where there resided formerly an excuse. They remodel the man or woman, refine them, render them incapable of doing a mean act. Their influences are potent for immense good; transforming them individually from a demon to a demi-god. The ugly and hideous become repulsive so far as these are qualities and not the physical make up of the human body. For these, physically ugly, there is the deepest sympathy, that in itself is a beauty sympathy for their world of loss.

Indianapolis is to be further beautified by a new federal building. After years of endeavor to draw a prize in this line from Congress it has been left to Hon. Jesse Overstreet our member of Congress who was ably assisted by our senior Senator Hon. Chas. W. Fairbanks, to be the fortunate individual so instrumental in securing the city what it so much needed. A million and a quarter dollars will erect a princely pile. This with our far famed Soldiers and Sailors Monument, the matchless Circle street, State House, and hundreds of other public and private buildings, Indianapolis is heading towards recognition as the Paris of America. See Paris, then die, is a Parisian admonition. Indianapolis in a short while will be a fit substitue for Paris. The city owes much to her members in Congress who succeeded where so many failed.

Dr. W. P. Thirkield, of Atlanta, Ga., is one more whole souled white man who has sickened at the unequal burdens of the races. He is one of those of whom The Freeman spoke last week when it said:—

A CHANGE OF FRONT.

The race should take courage in the fact that God moves in a mysterious way, and that while the new times in which we live can not conjure forth a Harriet Beecher stowe. a Lovejoy or a Garrison yet in the fullfillment of destiny others will be raised to care for the new exigencies created. It is no longer the age of force, but the age of reason when it comes to the very vexed racial problem. The white people must learn the value of the Negro by his constant doing and the advertisement of his deeds whether in battle or in the more peaceful pursuits. The white race will not forever remain insensible to these mute appeals. A new Stowe will arise with newer duties to perform. The race may not look for a tale of humanity and the taskmaster's lash, that lashed the nation into vast opposing walls of sectional strife. It may look now and anon to see adherents won from their prejudices, testifying to the valor of the Negroes as does Dr. Geo. E. Powell, or in some was giving evidence of the brotherhood of mankind. This is to be the war against prejudice—a silent crusade.

Henry Siegle and Chas. Gary

Have opened a news and cigar store at 815 Broad st., Selma, Ala. They handle The Freeman and all leading daily papers in the United States.

With rifles hot—to waist band nude;
The brawn beside the pampered dude;
The cowboy king—one grave—and rude—
To shelter him who falls.
One breast—and bare—howe'er begot
The low, the high—one common lot
The world's distinctions all forgot
When Freedom's bugle calls.
—From "The Nigger Ninth."

Agents we are always glad to say nice things about you. You who are out in the world, struggling for an honest existence and often against the "real thing." Well its nice to labor, if from the labor there is any satisfactory reward, When you make large reports sending in as you often do, a large list of subscribers, it is then we know at least feel that you are being rewarded.

There's pleasure in the doing
And the rapture in persuing
Is the prize.

Have you watched the steady and cantinuous improvent in the tone of The Freeman? How do you like the editorials? Arn't they the embodiment of your thought? It is in the nature of things that we should say what you agree to readily. The Freeman desires always to voice the sentiment, thought and feeling of the race, and championing the cause of the race thereby, possesing the matchless ideal in journalism.

Say Agents, make up your minds how many new subscribers you are going to get, and work to it. Let the spring find you on the way to the accomplishment of your purpose. You know what it is Agents to persuade a fellow to read The Freeman after he has been disgusted with other papers, well you must point out the good features of the Indianapolis Freeman.

An Appeal for the Helpless.

New York City, Feb. 27, '99.

To Our Bretheren In The South:—

The attention of the Preacher's meeting of New York City and Vicinity, has been called to the rumor, that there are both in this city and in centers in the South, erresponsible agencies who induce dependent and credulous colored persons, to leave their homes in the South and come to this New York City for employment, under the promise of a place of labor at high wages as soon as they shall arrive in the city.

We are informed, that these agencies not only fail to make good their promises but rob their victims of their money, and then leave them to the cold charity of the City or worse still, induce the helpless females to enter wicked dens of vice as a means of livelihood.

As individuals we are able to testify that hundreds of young people, especially young girls come from homes in the South and fall an eary prey to the vicious element of this great City, thereby ruin both their health and character.

We urge that all young persons coming to this City, to make ample provision for their own accommadation while in this City, seeking labor or for their return home in case they should fail to obtain employment expected, so that they shall not under any circumstances be dependent upon strangers.

So great is the evil complained of and so awful are the injurious consequences to the helpless victims, who come to this City and fall into designing hands: That we appeal to and request the editors of all Afro-American papers to publish this article and assist us in protecting the innocent and credulous, from unecessary suffering and in many cases from that which is worse than in death.

The Preachers Meeting makes this appeal in behalf of the helpless, in behalf of parents, in behalf of common morality and in behalf of the Church and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yours truly,
REV. R. D. WYNN. President,
REV. H. G. MILLER Secretary.

News Notes.

Hannibal, Mo. Special.

Miss Josie Watson was confined at her home last week on the account of sickness. A literary society was organized at the 8th and Center Baptist Church, March 23. At an early hour Sunday morning occurred the death of Walter Carrington after a brief illness. An entertainment was given at the Baptist Church Friday and all reported having a pleasant time. Mr. R. E. Newberry, our progressive grocer has purchased a new stock of groceries. The young men of the Clover Leaf Club are making preparations for a grand ball April 3. The colored voters of this city held a mass meeting, March 23 at the Christian Church. Miss Annie M. Wright visited relatives in Palmyra, Sunday.

THE STAGE.

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this town get astride of this goat with long whiskers. Well I expect to ride him and I hope to be last on the list so he will not be so fresh. Prof. Cross was down town a few days ago looking as spry as a new band-box. Major Ben F. Payne was one among the crowd of familiar faces seen here with "Darkest America." This company will star four people the coming season and all are at the top of the profession. Watch for them and you will be surprised to find so many top liners with one company. Their names will appear in a few weeks and the names of the entire company. We are now arranging for a lot of special paper and the costumes are now being made by one of St. Louis' best tailors. They will be a thing of beauty and one of the special features with this company. We also carry four ladies this season and you'll all be surprised when you see them. Watch us for we are going to do something this season that will make both friends and foes talk good of us. Our car is now receiving the finishing touches and will be an elegant affair; 61 feet long and all staterooms; 6-wheel truck and all the appurtinances attached to it to make one of the very best on the road. Watch for our advertisement in the Colored Clipper, The Freeman.

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Clarksville, Tenn., Show News:—John R. Rogers Cake Walk and Concert Co., opened at Elder's Opera House March 23rd. The curtain rose promptly at 9:20, p. m., with L. L. Ferguson, and Charlie Cobb as ushers. Albert Merriweather was the first on the program with his two songs entitled, "If They had Only Fought With Razors in the War," and "I'm one of the Family Now," for which he was loudly cheered. Burney Price followed with a bass solo and was recalled and loudly cheered. Jerry Cobb and Albert Merriweather have again joined hands as a team and appeared in a comical song and dance sketch entitled "Miss Johnson's Rent Rag Ball," which caused the house to roar with laughter. This is no doubt the strongest song and dance team in the amateur line south of the Mason and Dixon line and would make a shining line in any recognized show. Frank Bronaugh introduced a dancing sketch but the "Missourl Swell's" dancing was not as much admired as his manner of leading the cake walk. Little Henry Davis did some good dancing for one of his size and age. Prof. Henry J. Shields the "iron jawed" wonder from Australia did some or his feats that seemed impossible. His acts consisted in bending horsehoes and iron rods between his teeth. His acts were greatly admired. The stage was arranged for the final act which was the cake walk between the local champion Bob Hester and George Jones, from Missouri. They began with Frank Bronaugh as the leader. Jones and Hester were each favorites in turn, but the tables soon turned and the odds was against Jones. Hester became down hearted early in the proceedings and it seemed that the champiom from Missouri had him going but Hester gained new courage and forced Jones to the wall. Opinions were divided when the final round was made, the applause being in favor of Jones, but the Judges consisting of Sam Steele, Ed. Durant. Steve Peters, F. Martin, decided in favor of the local champion. Jones vanished from the stage like a magic coin and the champion stroller from Missouri had his honors lying in the dust. He soon afterward returned and saluted the victor. A "Big Combination Quartette," consisting of J. P. Steele, Jake White. Ratti Hampton and Dave Tenor will go to Hopkinsville, Easter Monday followed by a large crowd to lower the Trilby Quartett's colors. Samuel Steele announces the non-defeat of his quartette by the Trilbies and has received a bona-fide challenge from the Nashville Quartette.

GET MARRIED.

Addresses of colored ladies and gentlemen who wish to correspond for pleasure. or with a view to marrying. Addresses 10 cents, three for 25 cents. Address Match Maker, Box 121 Liberty Center, Ohio.

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THE STAGE.

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THE FREEMAN POST OFFICE.

A stamped envelope, plainly addressed, must be enclosed for each letter, and the line of business followed by the person addressed should be given, in order to prevent mistakes.

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LADIES LIST.

Brown, Cassie	Selika, Mme.
Grey, Miss Alice	Oliver, Bessie Gillam
Gross Etta	Patterson, Dora
Hyer, May	Woods, Carrie

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Boyer, L. M.	Johnson, Mat
Banta, R. A.	Johnson, Jas. R.
Brown, G. W.	Johnson, Ed. W. (Black Carl)
Britton, Joe	Leach, Robert
Brown, Robt.	Levard, W. S.
Bryant, Geo.	McCabe, Dan
Bull, Ike	McCabe, D. W.
Cousin, Sam.	McQuitty, M. M.
Carter, Kid (2)	Prince, Arthur
Douglass, James	Prampin, John
Desdunes, Dan (2)	Puggsley, L. E.
Elliott, Ed. F. (3)	Reese, Geo. R.
Fiddler, Harry (5)	Rowe, F.
Gillam, Harry (3)	Reese, Bros.
Garland, Will	Rastus & Banks
Gideon, Lash	Rucker, John
Gray, George	Smart & Williams (2)
Hammond, Geo.	Turner, James S.
Helms, Wm.	Towell, Jim
Hicks, Judson	Williams, Henry
Hogan, Ernest	Young, Billy
Isham's Octoroons.	

ROUTE:

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS—Mobile, Ala., Apr. 3; Montgomery, 4; Selma, 5; Birmingham 6; Atlanta, Ga., 7; Augusta, 8.

CANADIAN JUBILEE SINGERS & IMPERIAL ORCHESTRA.—Des Moines, Ia., April, 1-3.

ISHAM'S OCTOROONS, No. 2.—Puxtawaney, Pa. April, 1.

ORIGINAL NASHVILLE STUDENTS.—London, Ont. April, 1; Strathroy, 3; Glencoe, 4;

OLIVER SCOTT'S REFINED NEGRO MINSTRELS.—Elkhart, Ind., April, 1; Grand Rapids, Mich., 2-5; Hastings, 6; Kalamazoo, 7; Grand Haven 8.

RICHARDS, PRINGLES, RUSCO & HOLLANDS GEORGIA MINSTRELS—Louisianna, Mo., April, 1; Springfield, Ill. 2; Jacksonville, 3; Peoria, 4-Galesburg, 5; Canton, 6; Bloomington, 7; Aurora, 8; Chicago, 9-22.

WILLIAMS & WALKER'S OWN COMPANY, Cincinnati O., March, 5-11; Chicago, 12-April 8.

Simpson and Pittman send regards to friends.

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Claud Hall sends regards to Hampton and Johnson.

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C. D. Brooks send regards to Ben R. Moore, of Scott's Minstrels. Ben I am still in line.

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P. G. Lowery sends regards to Tom Logan, Hampton and Johnson, George Bailey and all friends.

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Pete Stanley send regards to all friends, and says he is still playing the trap drums with Scott's Minstrels.

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Harry L. Gillam sends regards to Tom Logan, Dick Thomas, Geo. Bailey and all friends in and out of the profession.

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The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orcnestra are appearing before large and appreciative audiences through Iowa.

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Julnis Glenn, of the Georgia Up-to-Date company is making a decided hit singing McCarver, Reed and McCarver's latest coon song: "I Love My Honey as I Used To."

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Billy Miller has written a new parody on "Just As The Sun Went Down" and is singing it nightly with great success. He sends regards to John Rucker and Chas. B. Tyler.

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Billy and Madrid Jackson who have spent two years on the Pacific Coast are now on their way East. They were at Weast's Theatre, Peoria, Ill., week of March 20, and are booked solid until June 1.

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Billy Miller, J. Ed. Green, and Billy McCarver spent Sunday and were the guests of Mrs. L. Hammond, at Alexandria, Ind., an enjoyable time being had the boys rejoined the show at Marion, Ind.

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It was erronously stated in these columns last week that Dan and Lizzie Avery had closed with the Richards and Pringle's Georgia Minstrels. Mr. Avery writes that they are siill with 'em making good us usual.

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McCarver, Reed and McCarver sends regards to Williams and Walker, B. F. Gordon and all friends. The team will be at liberty soon and would like to hear from responsible managers of parks for the summer engagements.

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Last week at Fall River, Mass., Harry Brown, lightining crayon artist, finished a most successful tour of the New England states, having played every house in the State of Massachusetts since Christmas. He left Sunday morning for New York City to join Billy McClain's new company.

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Al F. Watts writes from Topeka, Kansas, that his wife Mme. Cecil Smith, has recovered from her spell of sickness, and that they are at present working hard rehearsing their new sketch for next season. He says it will be by far the best skit they have yet appeared in. New printing matter for the act will be ready about April 10. They send best wishes to all friends.

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Harry A. Brown, crayon artist, writes that while playing Keith's, at Providence, R. I., he was the guest of Mr. James Turner, an old Indianapolis boy, who has there as fine a mansion as any colored person in the country, which is fitted up with all modern conveniences, including a gymnasium. Mr. Turner's last professional guests were Williams and Walker, Carrie Carter and Black Carl. He is always pleased to meet the boys, and will entertain them in a princely style.

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Billy Jackson has wrote several coon songs which promises to become quite popular, which the following is a few: "The Hen Roost Inspector," "That Coon Got Lucky Mighty Soon," "My Little Mobile Queen," "Coon That's Noise to Me," "My Pretty Little Nell," "Coon You've Done Me Wrong," "I Hope So My Darling," "When the Dew Drops Cease to Fall," and others.

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Pedal C, isn't the lowest note that can be made by the voice but you can count the bassos on your finger that are making it with effect. Jas. E. Hood the celebrated young Hoosier Basso, with the Oliver P. Scotts Minstrels enjoys the distinction of being one among the number to successfully reach the bottom nightly in his rendition of the "Belfry Tower."

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During the engagement of Mahara's Minstrels at Carthage, Mo., Messrs. Gordon Collins and Prof. W. A. Handy were shown around the city by Fred D. Blair, the Freeman agent at that place. Mr. Blair writes that an excellent performance was given. The dancing and singing of Collins and the cornet solos by Handy were features worthy of special mention.

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"The well known musical artists, Messrs. Edward Keating and Claud Hall, gave a rattling good musical sketch at the exercises at Williams' hall last night. Mr. Hall sang several up-to-date songs, numbering: "All I Want is My Black Baby Back," "I'm Through With You Forever, Bow," and "Hello, Ma Baby." They were pleasingly rendered." says a Corning, N. Y., exchange.

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Mrs. T. J. Lewis of the Georgia Up-to-Date company has just finished her first term of cornet lessons under the talented cornetist P. G. Lowery. The following is a few remarks from Mr. Lowery: "I am well pleased with the advancement of my lady pupil. Mrs. Lewis. After giving her the examination that follows each term I find she has a fine start on the cornet, thoroughly understanding position and attact. Her future is bright and I hope to see her among the leading soloists."

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The Old Plantation Trio—Martinett, Roddy and Wallace, are laying off at Dayton, O., changing their musical act which will be much stronger afterwhich they will go East for the Spring. Roddy is working hard on a new song which will be ready soon. They have some novelties that is being made for them that will be finished soon which will add great strength to their act. We played at the National Cash Register company to an audience of four hundred ladies.

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The Parker Lodge No 5, B. O. of C. P. was set up at St. Louis, Mo., Thursday evening March 30th, under the careful direction of Prof. Henderson Smith and Mr. Geo. Bailey. members of the Grand Executive Committee. The following are the officers and charter members:—Chas. Parker prelate; H. A. Smith financial secretary; J. O. W. Selectman, recording secretary, Chas. Scott, Treasurer; C. Edwin Ellis. chariman executive committee. M. J. Butler, C. L. Wall, George Edwards Alfred Johnson; John Estres, J. L. Fields, Harry Cravens, W. G. Melford, A. Turner and John H. Clark.

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Mr. C. Jakes Scotte writes the following from Mahara's Minstrels: "We have finished Kansas and tackeled Missouri. Our business has been fine considering the very inclement weather we have been having. After a long visit Mrs. Gordan C. Collins has returned home. Jack Mahara is back with us while W. A. Mahara has gone to Chicago to see his family, leaving Frank ahead to pilot the party. All the party join in sending very best wishes to the Freeman."

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Geo. A. Hillman, of the team of Hillman and Floyd, singing and dancing comedians with L. W. Washburn's Double Minstrels, was compelled, owing to ill health, to close with that show at Princeton, N. J. Mr. Hillman writes that while laying off he is not idle. for he has just completed a new song entitled: "Nothing But the Yaller Shall See De Lord." which has placed in the hands of Howley. Haviland, music publishers of New York. While in New York he was royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. McClain also Mr. and Mrs. Paul.

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A great surprise to one of the members of the Georgia Up-to-Date. As the stage manager. Mr. Julnis Glenn, called the entire company on the stage and unusual silence followed the commanding voice of Mr. Jack M. Oliver in a request that all be quiet for just a moment. After a short address from Mr. Oliver, he presented to F. B. Wood a beautiful medal, a present from his wife Mrs. Carrie Wood, as a token of highest regards and affection as a birthday present. It was an utter surprise to Mr. Wood. In response to the address of Mr. Oliver and his high appreciations for the beautiful present from his devoted wife was readily shown in a short address, while the entire company showered congratulations on the happy couple and best wishes for their future success.

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We are now in our thirty-eighth week of success and dame fortune has certainly smiled upon us. Our season has been one grand triumph of success, and, by firstclass management and business qualities Mr. Oliver P. Scott, manager and proprietor has satisfactorily placed before the public a clean up-to-date minstrel performance, which both press and public say has not been equalled by any seen in the respective cities that we have showed. Everyone is well with the company and the "ghost" has not failed to make his appearance regular this season. Clarence Powell sends regards to John Larkins, writes Fred W. Simpson, our special representative.

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Lorenzo Tio, ex-clarionetist of the Richards, Pringles, Rusco and Holland's minstrels, and now with the famous Oliver P. Scott Refined Minstrels wishes to state to all friends in the profession that he would be pleased to hear from them, and that the company is undoubtedly composed of the finest and most gentlemanly set of musicians and performers he has ever had the pleasure of traveling with. They have all treated me as a brother and gentleman. Regards to all friends—professional and non-professional, with no exceptions as I have so many it would take too long to mention their names. Regards and success to my brother, Louis Tio. clarionet virtuoso. of Prof. Henderson Smith's Famous Concert Band. Hello Billy Kersands I will meet you soon in Donaldsonville, La., regards to you, and kindest respects to your wife, and wishing success.

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Mr. Orpheus M. McAdoo, lessee of the Palace Theatre, Sidney, Australia, was a Freeman caller this week. The purpose of Mr. McAdoo's visit to this country is to secure a first class company of vaudeville and minstrel stars for a tour of Australia, India, China, etc., under his personal management. Mr. McAdoo is manager and director of the Famous Jubilee Singers and Virginia Concert company, which has been across the water for the past ten years and their success has been phenomenal. Mr. McAdoo has seen the better part of the world. He is prosperous, and an Australian by adoption. He was a classmate of Booker T. Washington. In his accent he is decidedly English. He dresses well; in the style of the English upper class—high tile hat, band of black approaching the top, Prince Albert coat unusually long, from the waist down. He wears the everlasting, stout looking, patent leather shoes. He wears a few diamonds within the bounds of propriety. He says that when traveling abroad with his theatrical ventures that America and the Negroes are often the subject of comment among foreigners He says that they only know the Negroes in the most unfavored light. The great papers of Europe that circulate in all their dependencies speak only of the monster events such as has been witnessed in the South—mobs for example. He says it is more than likely that there will be a man from home (America) in the community who will card the local paper as to the utter worthlessness of the Negroes in order that his dear home may not wear a barbarous aspect. So it is seen that the Negroes have not a very enviable reputation abroad. He talks fluently, easy conversant with African life of which he tells many intersting stories. Mr. McAdoo will sail from Vancouver for Australia about the 17th of May, with a company of about twenty-five performers. From all indications he is a through gentleman from tip to tip, and if Queen Victoria should knight her very worthy subject, his elegant physique, noble bearing and charming manners would reflect some credit to the Queen, as well as honor to McAdoo.

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Notes from John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels and "Darkest America:" "We are still in line with the foremost rank and lead many. The 'man in white' makes his usual weekly visits every Monday rain or shine, and every body is happy. Our business the past week has been phenominal, but Sunday night at Peoria, Ill., caped the climax. The S. R. O. Sign was displayed at 7 p. m., and many were turned away. Our show is running very smoothly, being strengthened somewhat by Mr. George Tischner, the veteran burnt cork man. Mr. Guy Hughes, the past week has been compelled to respond to two and three enchores nightly singing, 'Days that are gone can never come again,' Mr. Hughes can justly be classed with our leading tenor soloists. Our grand 400 cake walk has been improved somewhat by adding the 'Coonville Guards on Parade' in which Major Ben F. Payne is commissioned as Captain Crank, and the major being of a military training, naturally takes the part admirably. Afterwards Mr. George Tichner is introduced as 'Lucky Steve' the king of cake walkers. Mr. Harry Singleton of the original Sutton's Uncle Tom's Cabin company is rusticating at Peoria the guest of Mr. Charles Singleton his brother, and is taking treatment at the mineral springs there, and is rapidly improving, and bids fair to be himself again in the near future. The members of Darkest America were not unmindful of Mr. Singleton in his present condition, and during his brief visit to all the dressing rooms. Mr. George Bailey on behalf of the company tendered Mr. Singleton a very pleasant surprise by handing him a nice little collection to which every member of the company had contributed. Mr. Singleton was so surprised that words failed to come to his lips in the form of a speech—so he simply said with a 'well, well, well, ladies and gentlemen I can only say I thank you.' Miss Laura Walker, our prima dona is contemplating returning to Chicago her home in the near future to consider future offers."

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Monday evening, March 27, was the appointed time for the election of officers for the McClain Lodge, No. 1, B. O. of C. P., for the ensuing year. The attendance on this occasion being remarkable, showing that the resident members of the order was determined to make a strong fight for their particular candidates. The committee appointed at the last meeting to nominate a ticket to be presented before the body, brought in a report that the committee had failed to agree, therefore the nominating of candidates was left open to the members. The candidates for prelate, nominated were: C. C. Stapp, the present incumbent, Andrew Locklear, and Ollie McCary. The voting for this the highest office in the lodge, was very spirited, and the friendly rivalry displayed by the opposing forces reminded the writer of the doings of a county convention—when the machine refused to work. After a count of a full ballot it was found that Friend Andrew Locklear was the choice of the majority for the prelateship for the ensuing year. The balloting for vice prelate brought out Friends J. W. Hunter, James Johnson and Capt. Henry Moss. Captain Moss was elected with both hands down, his oppenents being scarcely in the race. The candidates for financial secretary were: Friends A. R. Moss, the present incumbent, Harry Dunnington and J. Harry Jackson. This proved to be the prettiest race of the evening, Mr. Jackson defeating Mr. Moss by only six votes—Mr. Dunnington being left at the post. In the selecting of a recording secretary Friend Dunnington made up for all the time lost in the preceding race; having a "walk-over" from his oppenent Friend Ollie McCary. Friend Archie Greathouse was re-elected treasurer by acclamation. The nominations for chaplain were: Friends James Boyd and James N. Shelton. Friend Shelton being the successful candidate. Those nominated for the board of directors were: Friends A. R. Moss. Mike Wells, J. H. Ringgold, Jas. Nicholson, Chas. C. Stapp, Dr. Jos. H. Ward, James Johnson, and J. W. Hunter. The balloting for these candidates was very spirited and the following were elected: Chas. C. Stapp, A. R. Moss, and Dr. Jos. H. Ward. The following is the list of officers for the ensuing year: Prelate—Andrew Locklear; Vice, Henry Moss; Financial secretary, J. Harry Jackson; Recording secretary, Harry Dunnington; Treasurer, Archie Greathouse; Chaplain, James N. Shelton.

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Items from the Original Nashville Students. "We are playing to a phenominal business in Canada and are booking return dates in nearly every city played, the return dates being for the most part guarantees. The roster of the company is: W. H. McKanlass, M'gr. C. E. Esselstyne, Bus. M'gr; Wm. Randolph, Treas.; Miss Lizzie Thurman, the Jewish Creole; Vesta Tilley, soprano soloist and champion lady cakewalker; Miss Mattie Firman, solo balladist; Little Patti McKanlass, the wonderful child rag-time singer; Wm. R. McKanlass champion male cake walker, baritone, classic banjoist, pianist and comedian. A. L. Maybee, baritone soloist; Walter Stafford, tenor soloist; The Clay Bros., famous buck and wing dancers; Chas. Wright, female impersonator; Robt. Smith, monologue artist; Wm. Allison, stage manager. The company is well and in the best of spirits. The following press comments tell the whole story: The Nashville Students scored quite a success in Myer's Hall last evening. There was a large and appreciative audience in attendance. The company is really a clever aggregation and put on some pleasing and unique numbers. McKanlass, the Hungarian violinist, proved an artist in his line. Under his skillful fingers the instrument wept laughed, barked like a dog, howled, whistled and in fact seemed a veritable of life. His best number was the thing famous "Mocking Bird" selection in which he gave as clever an exhibition of complete mastery of the instrument as has been heard in Stratford for years. Clay Bros brought down the house with their funny buck and wing dancing. A real darktown cakewalk was given by Misses Mattie Firman, Pattie McKanless and Lizzie Thurman and partners. Mr Maybee, the baritone soloist received a well deserved encore, and Rudolph McKanless showed that he knew a thing or two about banjo playing. There was an abundance of the latest "rag time" songs and catchy dances and taken altogether the aggregation was well worth going to see. They will play a return date in the course of the next three weeks—The Stratford Herald.

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Notes from the Melroy, Chandler & Co.'s Minstrels: This organization is progressing as rapidly as circumstances will admit and all is being done in a thorough and definite manner. The route is being rapidly booked and is one of the money getters of the country. It has on its roster now some of the best people in the profession and some other people are now being negotiated with. Quite a number of the boys met some of their old friends and associates Sunday this being the initial performance of the "Darkest America" company for this season here. While this company "Darkest America" are here the members and a majority of the Colored Professional people here will organize a Lodge of the "Buffaloes" and a reception will follow. If all the signs and old sayings come true there will be some "Warm Times" there when some of the "Sign Post" of

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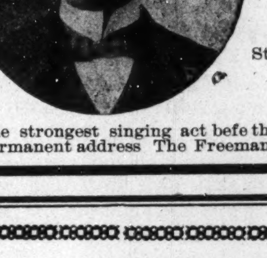
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JOE WALCOTT

The Ebony Wonder Puts Billy Edwards of Australia to Sleep.

Joe Walcott that wonderful piece of construction, now conceded by many sporting men to be the "King" of his class, has again showed his prowess by putting another good fighter away and in grand style.

The event took place before the new Broadway Athletic Club, New York City, on Thursday its opening night March, 16. On this occasion he met Billy Edwards, of Australia, and as a result the crowd saw one of the greatest of fights.

Edwards put up a game, hard fight. He all but dropped Walcott on three occasions, and had a chance at every stage to the minute the black freak put the right hand over. Then the bets were paid.

The betting was 2 to 1, with Walcott the favorite, when the men entered the ring. Walcott was seconded by Tom O'Rourke, George Dixon and Jack Dougherty; Edwards by Dan Creedon, Tom Williams and Charles Peet.

The men fought straight Queensbury rules with a clean break, the rules of the club. Johnny White officiated as referee.

Edwards started trying with the left without a feint. Walcott kept out of the way for a time. Finally Edwards got to the body wite the left, then with the right. Walcott tried at the body and once for the head, but he was feeling, and there was ro fight in the first round.

Walcott began to force Edwards in the second, and Edwards put the right on the jaw. Then Joe mixed and got the right to the body. Edwards met the next with a straight left and bled Walcott at the mouth. The Australian danced about and drove it in often, having none of the worst of the round.

It began fast in the third, Walcott running into a straight left. He got the right in a second later. They fought a streak, both getting at the jaw and body, but Edwards having a distinct shade.

Walcott, got his orders and started to wade in the minute the bell rang for the fourth. Edwards kept away a second, then began to meet him. After missing four uppercuts he got a few on him and again had a shade on the fast work of the round.

Walcott showed his full speed in the fifth and was the aggressor throughout the round. Edwards stopped him again and again with left and right, but Joe came on, walloping and roughing and at one stage looked to have Edwards going.

In the sixth Joe kept after him, but Edwards fought and Walcott grew furious. He chased and roughed and and finally got Edwards going a bit, but the Australian was always doing something, and got a right on the jaw just before the bell rang that checked the black fellow.

In the seventh Walcott appeared a bit tired. Edwards was always ready with a punch from some direction, and his ducking was perfect. He kept at Walcott's body with both hands, and did better than in the previous rounds.

The eighth was rather noisy, Edwards having the crowd afire with a few right hand punches. He drove it to the body for a time, then crossed on the jaw, staggering Walcott to the ropes. He had none the worst of the round.

The ninth was pretty even. Walcott began to understand there was a fighter in front of him, and was not so dead anxious to put him out hurriedly.

In the tenth Walcott again started Edwards's nose, and got two or three corking swings to his jaw in a mix-up. Edwards fell on one occasion and took the count, but was in no danger.

Walcott started to do all kinds of things in the eleventh, but the first thing he met was a right fair on the jaw. He came on giving most of his attention to Edwards nose with the left. He failed to reach it, and although he was the aggres sor all the way had very little the best of it.

The twelfth began as usual, Edwards stopping the first rush with a straight right. Walcott kept coming, roughing like a cub bear. Edwards fought him hard. Getting the right on him twice and all but dropping him the second time. Bar the wear and tear which seemed to affect Walcott the less, Edwards had a shade on the round.

The thirteenth saw Walcott in a rush, and he dropped or shoved Edwards down before it went far. The he bled him from the mouth, and roughing him to the ropes pushed him down. Then he got him staggering again from the roughing and suddenly whipping the right over caught him fair on the spot, putting him down and sound asleep.

GANS ISSUES AN OPEN CHALLENGE.

Baltimore, March 13.—Joe Gans, the undefeated lightweight pugilist of Baltimore, who was accidentally injured in his bout with Billy Ernst in Buffalo, February 16, has recov red from his illness and is anxious to again get into the ring. His manager, Al Herford, to-day posted $500 with Judge Anderson for a match with any legitimate lightweight in the world, Frank Erne or Spike Suilivan preferred.

On behalf of Sullivan, his manager, met Al Herford a few days later, and the result was, that, a meeting between Sullivan and Gans was arrauged to take place at the new Broadway Athletic Club, in New York, on April 7. The men will fight for a fat purse, a good big side bet and a percentage of the gate money. They will weigh in at 133 pounds.

"ROSEBUD" KNOCKED OUT

Joe Fairburn knocked out Walter Edgerton, the "Kentucky Rosebud" in the fourth round of their scheduled six-round wind-up Saturday night, March 18 at the Nonpareil Club of Philadelphia, Pa. The punch was a right-hand swing on the left side of the "Bud's" face that threw him half across the ring on his head. He had to be assisted to his corner. This is said to be the second time the "Bud" has been knocked out, the former time by Ike Weir. The men agreed to break clean, and Fairburn started in aggressively. He was always after the "Bud," whose agility was balked at every turn. The contest was made up of a series of left-hand punches on the "Rosebud's" face and body and right-hand heart blows that soon had the "Bud" going. He only landed about three punches all told, one of which was his famous right in the third round, but it did not appear to have much force behind it. In trying to evade Joe the "Bud" fell twice in the fourth round. Fairburn completely out-matched him and punched almost at will. He had the "Rosebud's" face bleeding after the second round. A few seconds before finish of the fourth the "Bud" fell, and, picking himself up, half circled the ring to Fairburn's corner, where Joe made a feint that caused the "Bud" to swing his right recklessly. Fairburn was waiting and swung his right and finished the "go."

McCORMICK WINS

On Saturday night, March 11, one of the largest crowds that ever gathered at the Quaker City Athletic Club, Philadelhia, saw Jack McCormick defeat Charley Strong, of Newark, N. J. in one of the best six round contests ever witnessed in that city. Both men were in excellent condition and the contest was a hot one from start to finish. Strong was right in the game for the first two rounds, but after that he tired perceptably and the contest was all McCormick's.

On the following Tuesday, 14th inst., McCormick's pugilistic stock advanced a point or two higher, when he demonstrated his ability over Ed. Gross, before the same club, doing the job in six rounds. The contest was very one-sided Gross doing no leading and being a punching bag for McCormick for the first three rounds. In the fourth Gross got in the game a little and punched McCormick two or three good ones. But the rally did not last long as McCormick came back at him hard, pushing him all around the ring and finally a punch on the jaw sent Gross down and out.

STRONG WANTS ANOTHER MATCH.

Fred Volgt, manager of Charley Strong was not pleased with the outcome of Strongs bout with Jack McCormick and wants another match. Volgt says before he left the city that Strong had taken on McCormick at three days notice and that he had a match on with Ed. Dunkhorst which he would have forfeited had he been knocked out by McCormick. Volgt says that he will match Strong against McCormick in Philadelphia in the near future and that he feels certain that the big Newark colored boxer can stop McCormick inside of six rounds if he can get another chance.

GERMAN KNOCKED OUT.

Bridgeton, N. J. March. 19.—Charles Schreiber, a German baker and Jacob Carproof, colored, fought last night at Port Norris. The two men for some time had thought each the best and a fight was arranged. The men repaired to a barn near the town and in the presence of about 100 people, fought to a finish. Carproof knocked out Schreiber in the seventh round. The men had held a heated discussion over the Fitzsimmons-Jeffries coming battle.

Twenty-five Negro wheelmen and 125 white bicycle riders dined to-gether at the Tuxedo last night, the occasion being the first annual dinner of the Associated Cycling Clubs of New York. Magistrate Simms presided and nearly 20 clubs were represented.—New York Evening Post.

The proposed encounter, between "Young" Pluto of Australia and Eddie Santry, of Chicago has been called off on account of an injury to one of Santry's hands.

"Soup" Perkins, the noted Western Jockey, married Miss Frankie Saunders at Lexington., Ky., two weeks ago and was the recipient of many valuable presents from well-known racing men.

A LESSON IN COOKING.

How a Hobo Served Up a Dish of Roast Chicken.

"The first time I ran away from home I learned a trick or two that was worth the while," said a well known business man. "I started out on several unauthorized tours of adventure before I reached years of discretion, but the first is most vividly impressed upon my memory. Three of us kids caught a freight train and got some 60 or 70 miles away from home before the first nightfall. Then we didn't know where to spend the night. Several attempts to quarter ourselves in empty box cars on the side track of a little village only resulted in our being chased away and threatened with arrest, so we went to the outskirts of the place and built a fire on the bank of a little creek. Here we made ourselves as comfortable as possible and one or two of us had actually dozed off for short naps when a regular hobo, a good specimen of the real article, happened along and wanted to know if we had anything to eat. Of course we hadn't.

" 'Well,' he said, 'if you fellers'll ketch a chicken I'll show you a trick that'll be useful to you.'

"It didn't take us long to catch the chicken and bring it back. The veteran member of the nomadic fraternity wrung its neck, jerked off its head, cleaned it and going down to the creek wadded it up, feathers, feet and all, in a big ball of yellow clay. This he rolled into the fire and scraped the burning embers up around it. The clay soon hardened, and we could see it among the wood coals gradually becoming a bright cherry red. When it did so, the cook rolled it out again, let it cool a little and then broke it open with a stone. The feathers had stuck to the baked clay and a clean, inviting chicken was ready to be served. All the moisture that in ordinary baking is lost had been kept in by the bricklike inclosure, and the morsel that fell to my lot was the juiciest and sweetest I have ever eaten."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

His Absent Companions.

At a banquet given in Rochester two of the expected guests were unable to be present. The order of seating happened to be such that a particularly jovial and companionable gentleman sat with one of the vacant chairs on each side of him. The empty chairs and first course of oysters were left in place for some time in case the expected guests arrived. The solitary gentleman therefore could move neither to the right nor to the left, but amiably beamed throughout the repast, seemingly none the worse for his enforced isolation. After the banquet some one innocently asked him:

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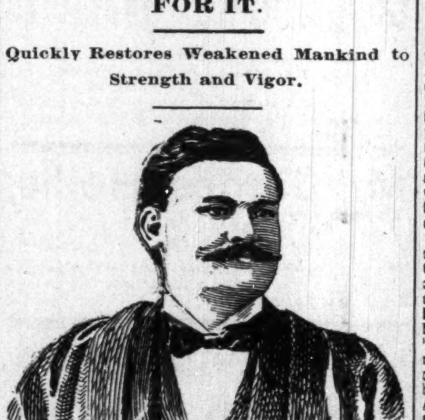

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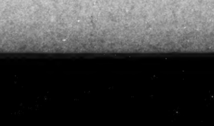

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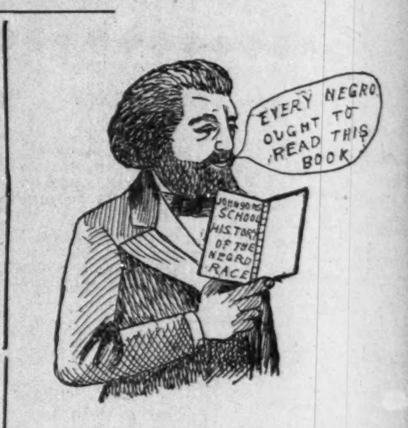

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AMONG THE SPIRES--EASTER

Services in the Different Churches—Burkes Chapel Notes—The Freeman Leads—Negroe's Friend.

Paducah, Ky. Special

Easter services will be held at all of the churches on the 2nd. We are sorry that we could not receive a program of the same. The exercise at Washington st. church will take place at 7. p. m. The revivals at both churches are doing well. At 7. o'clock p. m., Easter Sunday, Rev. Samples will preach by request taking for his subject, "The Falling of the city of Babylon" at the C. M. E. church on Husband street. This request comes from unconverted men and a large audience is expected Mr. Geo. Blackwell, of Metropolis passed through the city the 22nd. enroute to Clinton Ky. called by wire to the bedside of his sister who is very ill. Miss Mattie Robinson is on the sick list at 7th and Tennessee. Mrs Mattie Parker is reported ill at her home 6th and Tennessee. Mr. John Hillman is up again. Mr. John Carothers is on the sick list. Mrs. Dan Shoots, of Burnett st. died on the 22nd. Miss Ella Grace died on S. 8th. street on the 17th. Mrs. Dave Jones, of Trenton, Tenn., has returned home after a weeks visit at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. G. E. Marshall, 704 S. 3rd. street, who is recovering. Love Proctor, of the "Lime Kiln Club" still wears the belt as the champion joker of the club. Watch Frank Logan on Easter Sunday. Bradshaw is still posting the town. Dion Merriwether still hangs on to Wiener-wurst. Bob, the Indian chief likes his hard boiled eggs and Sausage. Will Powell is trying to scare up another German. We are on to you Will. Geo. White will wear his loud tans Easter. Well, the old boy has so far to walk. Harry this is your last Sunday. Mayor Lang is going to close everything tight. Every time Elbert Dunlap wears those $9 rubber boots it rains or snows. So note. Johnson, says. The Paducah Base Ball Club held its annual election on the 22nd. and the following officers were elected. G. E. Marshall, pres. James Arington secy; J. W. Moore, treasure. Ben Boyd, business manager. Paducah has the best law, now, ever made, prohibiting women from visiting wine rooms, saloons or the purchase of any drinks thereof unless taken to their homes. A fine for violating said law is only $50. and fifty days at labor. Elbert Dunlap says ver colored person in the city should subscribe for The Freeman as its the larges and best paper in the U. S. A. Mr. E. Potter, the blacksmith, has invented a water filterer which filters 500 gallons of pure water an hour. This is a great invention and is now on exhibition at his office, 507 S. 3rd. street. The Freeman will tell on you if you do not pay for the paper. Deliver your news to 126 Court st. for The Freeman. We welcome church news. Will Hynes was grinning the 23rd, over the appearance of a baby boy. Tomorrow is Easter and The Freeman reporter will visit all churches that he can and gather news. Subscribe now and read hereafter. The reason The Freeman is mentioned so often in Paducah, it has a large subscription list here and gives us all the news. It is an eight page paper and is represented by a colored editor therefore it is our paper. Give your order for it to G. E. Marshall, agent 126 E. Court st. Burks Chapel A. M. E. church under the leadership, of Rev. G. H. Burks as pastor is to-day laboring and prospering, knowing that by the help of the Lord and with the very excellent councal of Rev. Burks, success is sure to be theirs. Rev. Burks has pastored this church for nearly 4 years and the church has known no failures either spiritually or financially since his stay here. The church has been entirely renovated. Beautiful pews and pulpit furniture costing $695 have been purchased and placed in the edifice. The church is beautifully lighted by electricity. A vocalion costing $500 has recently been brought by the church and every Sunday beautiful music fills the church and thrills the glad hearts of the earnest worshipers. The membership of the church is near 500. The average attendence at Sunday-school is 125 pupils including 12 teachers and 5 officers. A revival of great interest and success is now in progress at the church. Rev. J. W. Hall is assisting Rev. Burks and by their earnest labors quite a number have confessed Christ and joined the church. Many are still seeking his love to know.

Quarterly Conference.

Yoakum, Tex., Special.

The M. E. church held their quarterly conference on the 18th and 19th, and transacted their business very satisfactory. Rev. Mack Henderson, presiding elder, W. M. Mooney pastor. A grand reception was given by the stewardesess of the A. M. E. church, March, 15, at the residence of Mrs. Amy Parish in honor of Rev. Dr. J. V. Goins, D. D. Dr. Goins left Friday for Thomaston, where he will remain until Monday, when he will depart for his home in Alamo city Mrs. G. S. Martin of Hallettsville, anticipates living in Yoakum, where she has a considerable amount of property. Lewis Moore has opened a very fine saloon, we wish him success. Willis Waller reads The Freeman, and says it is just the paper for everybody, for it keeps you posted. The freigth house boys are alright and they take The Freeman every week. Buddie Glenn sends regards to all of his professional friends, he says he is enjoying splendid health in the little city of Yoakum, where he will start up a place of business soon. Geo. Green was in Sealey for a few days recently. Geo. Hansford, Captain of the Yoakum base ball club is getting his team in shape for the season. James Ross is one of the leading baggage and express men. Lee Jackson one of Yoakum's young men has been on the sick list for a day or two. You can get The Freeman at Glenn's news depot 5 cents a copy, or one year $1.50, 85 cents 6 months, 60 cents 3 months, will be on sale every Saturday. The choir of the 1st Baptist church will give a concert shortly. Mrs. Chas, Jsckson takes a copy of The Freeman every Saturday. Mr. Jackson says don't bring any other paper. The Freeman is good enongh for him. The teachers went to Cuero to attend the Institute Friday and Saturday March 17-18. Prof. Jas. Grant went to Cuero, Friday the 17th to attend the Teachers Institute. Emmett Jamison is out again after a weeks sickness. Gentlemen, please pay for The Freeman it is only 5 cents a copy. The A. M. E. church had a big Rally Day Sunday March 26th, Sunday School 9:30 a. m., Morning service 11, a. m., afternoon praise meeting, 3 p. m., evening preaching, 7:30. Rev. J. W. Johnson. The mother of Mrs. S. J. Johnson has been very sick for quite awhile notwithstanding he himself has just recoved from a case of la grippe. Wm. Watkins of Columbus, O., is one of Yoakum's best citizens and has a nice piece of property and a fine residence where he can be seen every day entertaining his family and making home happy. Smith Hammons takes The Freeman every week and says he likes the paper because it pertain to the race and has all the news one wants to read. Mrs. Jno. B. Asbery is convalescent after being sick for quite a while. The agent handed her The Freeman and she was looking exceptionally well.

Social Happenings.

Calvert, Texas, Special.

The farmers are now through planting corn, and are rejoicing over the moistening showers. Owing to the inclement weather they are a little later this season M. B. Coleman is getting along nicely. S. Nash has moved in his new domicile. Mrs. J. Ross is one of the most attracting songster of the city. Miss P. Daisy of Willis, Texas, is visiting her father, L. Daisy, and has subscribed for The Freeman. C. Bradley is the only colored watch and clock repairer in the city. The Freeman Club is preparing to have a contest social at the U. B. F. Hall May the 6th. 1899. O. G. Ford is one of the leading carpenters, also an admirer of The Freeman. Little Thomas Thompson will deliver you The Freeman for 20 cents a month. You will find fresh fish and ribs at B. E. Hendrick's lunch stand. O. C. Doggett will buy all the bones you have and he is the highest bidder in town, call and see him. L. Roberts. G. Henderson, D. Wakins, J. Creeks, L. Williams, L. Bradley, S. Fish, and A. Asbery have joined The Freeman Club. Miss F. Ross visited the office last Tuesday and had her subscription continued for three months. The M. E. church is carrying on a revival. The A. O. of P. meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights at the U. B. F. Hall. They are now in a fine condition. Mrs. C. Summers is improving nicely. The young people's social club is in a thriving condilion, they installed officers last Wednesday night.

News in General.

Petersburg, Va., Special.

Revival services that are being held at several of the churches are largely attended. The services at the Oak street A. M. E. Zion church are being led by Rev. Anderson. At the Gilfield by Rev. Williams and Madison, and at the Harrison street by Rev. Watts, meeting is also held at the Harrison street church Sunday afternoons. Miss Pattie Crampler, who has been to New York, is on a visit to her parents. The Freeman can be had at C. P. Royal's popular confectionery. Mr. William Crowder Jr. is studying medicine at Shaw University is in the city. The Y. U. C. A. meetings for men are being well atttended. James A. Perkins of Richmond paid a flying visit to the city last Sunday to visit his brothers Wm. and Eddie who have been sick for the past few weeks. Don't forget that The Freeman will be left at your house if you leave your order at Royals.

Personal Mention.

Pine Bluff, Ark. Special.

Mrs. Mamie Steward wife of Tom Steward and sister of Mrs. Rowland, who has recently been very ill is well again. A Missionary Society composed of preachers wives was organized at St. Johns A. M. E. church on Thursday March 16. Revs. Dr. T. H. Jackson and J. W. Whitesides assisted in the organization. S. P. Brack's new residence on west 6th is near completion. Rev. S. A. Mosely pastor of St. Paul Baptist chuch had quite a success with his grand rally on Sunday March 12. Collection $228. Through a mistake by our reporter we published in last weeks issue that Al Greene was married to Miss Leona W. Cooper instead to Miss Beulah Gordan. We gladly make the correction and want the newly married pair to rest assured that it was not done with intention. John B. Hill the clothes agent and barber has a neatly arranged shop with gasoline lights recently fitted in. Joe Bearden died on the 12th inst, and his remains were shipped to Greenville, Miss., his native place for burial. The Grand Rally service at Allen Temple A. M. E. church every night this week has so far been a success. Rev. U. T. H. Gunthorph the energetic pastor is a worker of no small degree.

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Tuskegee, Ala., Special.

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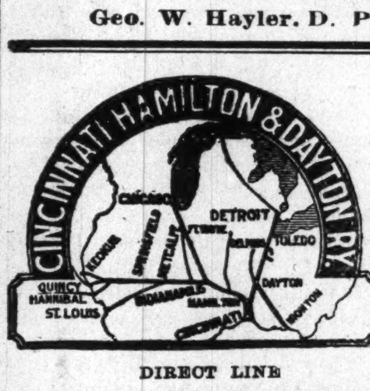

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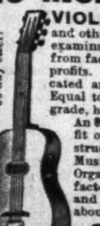

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Don't fail to attend the Grand Easter Concert Tuesday evening April 4th., at Tomlinson Hall.

Mr. I. H. Dickerson and Mrs. Callie House of Nashville, Tenn., will be in the city for a few days.

Rev. S. Puryear occupied the pulpit both morning and evening at Simpson Chapel last Sunday.

Robert Dawson will be out Easter Sunday with his new '99 Rambler and will ride this season.

Lawyer O. V. Royall spent several days this week in Northern Indiana, on professional business.

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Mr. Charles Jackson has returned from Columbus, O., to accept the headwaitership of the new English hotel.

Mr. I. Garland Penn of Atlanta, Ga., and author of the book, "The Afro-American Press," was in the city Tuesday.

Hunter & Porter the latest musical sensation at the Easter Promenade Concert, Tomlinson Hall, Night of April 4th.

Muncie, Anderson, Richmond, Greenfield, Logansport and Terre Haute will be represented in the Grand March, on April 4th.

Private John Young of the 24th infantry now stationed at Ft. Douglass, Utah, was in the city recently the guest of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Chas. Lanier and F. Fowler Brown in a Grand Opera at the the Easter promenade Concert. Night of April 4th, at Tomlinson Hall.

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Messrs. Eugene Woods and Woods Paxton of Alexandria, Ind., spent Sunday and Monday in the city. Mr. Woods was the guest of his mother. Mrs. Eliza Burley in Michigan street.

A unique mask ball was the attraction at the social dancing class Thursday evening. The management, Mr. Carter Smith at the head, deserves great credit for the success of the affair.

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The "musical concert" given under the auspices of Eastern Beauty Tabernacle 510, at Simpson Chapel, Tuesday evening was quite a success. Addresses were made by Mr. I. Garland Penn of Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. George L. Knox of The Freeman.

Prof. Jas. A. Sterrett will give a fine silk pillow to the most prominent lady present at his dancing academy next Monday evening. The pillow which is a fine specimen of handiwork was made especially for this occasion by his sister Mrs. Lillian Johnson of New Albany, Ind. The pillow is on exhibition at the Favorite.

Mr. Clark Burton entertained Tuesday night a few of his friends with another one of those elegant lunches that this genial good fellow is noted for. Among those present were Mr. Orpheus M. McAdoo of Sidney, Australia, Mr. A. E. Manning, of the Indianapolis world, Mr. G. W. Chivis and Mr. Elwood C. Knox of The Freeman.

The Freeman in Nashville. Tenn.

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The Alpha Home Association met at Allen Chapel Thursday, March 9, and elected the following officers:—Mrs. Hulda Webb, president; Mrs. Nellie Allen vice president; Mrs. Amanda Wells secretary; Mrs. Ella Williams, assistant secretary, Mrs. Aurilla Knox, treasurer. Trustees:—Mesdames Emma Parks, Catherine Baxter, Mary Jackson, Sarah White Lottie Nunn. Advisory Board:—Mrs. Martha Hall. Revs. D. A. Graham, A. L. Murray, A. Seymour and Mrs. Letisa Smith.

The members of the association received $5.00 worth of groceries from the Ladies Aid Society for which they return thanks, also a donation of $1.00 from Lawyer I. D. Blair. We contemplate in the near future building a dining room and kitchen, at the home and ask the assistance of the public.

"RESULTED IN MARRIAGE."

I shall never regret my investment in the Northern Matchmaking Co., of Lakewood, N. J. I received 56 replies from nine different States, on Dec. 25th, '98, I visited one of my correspondents and we were so well pleased with each other, we were married on the 28th. May your paper bring many lonely ones to happiness is my sincere wish.

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IN MEMORY OF

MRS. ELLA M. CHRISTY.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Principals' Club of the public schools of Indianapolis, Feb. 7, 1899. Mrs. Christy's life was dedicated to the uplifting of humanity. No one of our number was better fitted by nature for the noble work of noble calling. She was thoroughly honest and sincere. The great fundimental virture of honesty, she taught by precept and by example. She had a dignity and grace of manner which made us feel that she had never lived with small and trivial thoughts. Refinement in every look and tone spoke the high ideals of her life.

Be it Resolved, That we, members of the Principals' Club of the public schools of Indianapolis, have lost in the person of Mrs. Ella M. Christy an honored member and a faithful worker, whose efficiency as principal and teacher was unquestioned.

Be it Resolved, That we, extend to her family our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Be it father Resolved, That we send to her family, a copy of these memorial resolutions as a token of our personal esteem.

N. CROPSEY,
MARGARET HAMILTON,
J. H. YOUNG,
W. T. B. WILLIAMS,
VICTORIA WILSON,
—Committee.

The foregoing testimonial as to the worth and character of Mrs. Ella M. Christy and the accompanying resolutions are a fitting finale to a life so well spent.

Miss Nellie Cropsey, who for so long has stood at the front of the schools as assistant superintendent and the other members of the committee are to be cordially thanked by the whole people, and by the colored people especially for their unstinted praise of the deceased co-worker.

The assistant superintendent has long been valued for her rare judgment and beautiful sense of discernment; therefore it is comforting to know that she unhesitatingly voices such sentiments as may well serve a monument for the dead or a beacon for the living.

"She was honest and sincere." The world's best and greatest when coming to die can have but very little more added to the tablets that make their resting places, that counts for ought in God's sight.

This testimonial and these resolutions meant to condole a bereaved family serve a weightier purpose. "Not a sparrow falleth, but what its God doth know." By them, there comes a spiritual upliftment for the whole race in knowing that though thick night begirts, that somewhere and somehow we are not unnoted.

This touching little act on the part of the committee will not fail of its fruit. In the interest of a common humanity, are tendered the thanks of a people profoundly moved.

The Easter program for this church will be as follows:—5:00 a. m., sunrise prayer meeting, led by the Christian Endeavors. 10:45 Easter Sermon by the pastor, Rev. D. A. Graham, the juvenile choir will render music written for the occasion. 12:30 union class and praise service, 2:30 Sunday school missionary service. 6:30 Christian Endeavor Easter meeting. Topic, "Birthday of Hope." 8:00 o'clock Sacred Concert by the adult choir, supported by the full orchestra. You are cordially invited to each of these services,

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Easter Promenade Concert.

The question has been asked for some-time who is the chief promoter of the Easter Promenade Concert, so we feel it time to give to the public his name in the person of Mr. William Miller proprietor of the Grand Hotel Barber shop, his success in business, his ability as an entertainer is two well knowm to require any press compliments, he assures the public that the Easter Promenade Concert will surpass anything that has ever been attempted in our city by colored society. Neither time, labor or money will be spared to attain that end. The hall will be decorated untill it resembles the home of the faires, and from the georgious display of flowers it will remind you of the carnivals of the sunny south. The music will simply be sublime, from an Italian orchestra and a picaninny brass band. Mr. Maurice F. White who has charge of the concert is acknowledged the best concert promoter in the state which insures a high class programme, one of the best caterers in the city will furnish the delicacies of the season, and a glance at the committee insures you to be well entertained.

Notes of Interest.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

Calvin Massie's child was buried at Newbern on the 26th. Thomas Johnson lost his daughter, the widow Massie on the 26th. Mrs. Beckie Woods presented her husband with a a fine boy. Rev. Sercie of Memphis, Tenn., preached at the Baptist church Sunday at 11 a, m., and 7:30 p. m., and at 3 p. m. He delivered a noble lecture subject "Race Pride." James Donnell has charge of both the plainer and saw mill engines for A. M. Stevens Lumber Co. Mr. and Mrs. James King have opened a fine restaurant on Center street. John Nash and Berrie Percy are the firemen for the Dyersburg Oil Co. Miss Mariah Minzie entertained for dinner on the 15th, in honor of Miss Bettie Wicker of Ark. The guest were Misses Laid Corule, Dina Paar, Emma Alexander. Miss Wicker is visiting her grandmother Mrs. Mariah Minzie, on Depot street. Miss Benannna Pierce is on the sick list. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Mayze is reported very ill. Antony Tallor is in the city. Mrs. Flora Shorter of Denver, Col., is visiting her mother on Depot street. Miss Etta Fowlks made a flying visit to Rienes Sunday.

Personal Mention.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Manuel Montgomery and Miss Lilly Johnson spent a day at Indianapolis. Nelson Grissom is confined to his room with la grippe and rheumatism. Miss Lucy Wallace has gone to Indianapolis to live. Rev. L. W. Gray and deacons are preparing to have a grand rally on the third Sunday in April. Miss Genet King and Mr. William Hines spent a day at Columbus with friends and relatives. Mrs. Nanny Allen received a letter from her son Woodie Allen, stating that he had been kicked by a horse, breaking his nose. Street Hodge has gone to Edinburg, as a fireman for Daniel Derprez's ice plant. The Gas Club will give a grand reception Friday night March 23. Miss Josie is sick with la grippe. William Banks gave a surprise dinner to his employes on last Sunday. Mr. Banks knows how to get up a surprise dinner, but he tried to freeze water instead of cream. Miss Bertha Reed gave her sister a surprise party in honor of her thirteenth birthday. Covers were laid for fifteen, and three courses were served. The prospects for an excellent meeting of the Southern Indiana State Teachers association are flattering. Applications for boarding places are rolling in by the hundred and from present indications the enrollment wil l pass the thousand mark. This is essentially the only meeting of the colored teachers since there are not more than a dozen teachers in the northern half of the state and not very many attend the State Association, while the southern enrolls from twenty-five to seventy-five every year, Twenty applications for boarding places have already been from colored teachers for this meeting and many more will be made ths week. Jeffersonville heads the list in point of number,—nine. Applications may be sent to the superintendent or to R. A. Roberts, principal, building No 2.

News in General.

Youngstown, O., Special.

The Dewey Club composed of young ladies, gave a masquerade party, March 23, which was attended by the elite of society of Youngstown and the surrounding villiages. Miss Burrell Collins, of Lowellville and the Misses Grace, Kitty and Dollie Massey of Warren were present. The evening was spent in dancing. Supper was served at 12 p. m. Music was furnished by Prof. Gilmore's superb orchestra. Mr. Harry Jackson was presented with a 6 pound boy March, 18. He is very happy. Mrs. Jennie B. Smith is on the sick list. The Octoroons showed here March 20th to a crowded house. Messrs. Hampton & Johnson, Cousins and Bethel were the guests of Mr. Day. Mr. Johnson was stabbed seriously in Sharon, Pa., by Wm. Brown. He is getting all right. Mrs. Mary Summers entertained Rev. Davridge at her home March 21. The guests were, Rev. L. W. White, Miss M. E. Rogers, Mr. R. Boggess. An elaborate table was spread. The Reformers gave a musicale Thursday evening at Redmen's Hall, which was a success. Rev. Laws preached to a large congregation last Sunday. Mr. Carpenter an advocate of the True Reformer's is in the city.

Gleanings.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.

Al Hugh Slemons will leave May 1st for New York. Miss Mary P. Mason, of Cumberland street has an offer to join the Black Patti Troubadours. Robt, L. Douglass has returned after an eight month stay as Chickamauga. Miss Susi Bomar is able to be out again after a few days illness. Mrs. Ester Mitchell mother of Wm. K. presented him with a fine gold watch. Wm. K. Mitchell agent for The Freeman will in the near future open headquarters on Vine street, where he will keep all the latest songs of the day. He has also ordered a piano and will have Boyd McDaniel (the colored Rosenthal) to teach all, any song they may want to learn. Th most successful entertainment given in Knoxville for some time was a Pink Tea at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Owens 401 Nelson street Friday night. The proceeds were donated to the First Baptist church, Rev. R. Brown, pastor. The ladies wore cornations and American beauty roses. The spacious dining room was elaborately decorated with cut plant and evergreen forming a splendid back ground. Mrs. Sherman Hayden, who much credit is due for giving the entertainment, received graciously assisted by Misses Prosser, Williams, Johnson, Scott; Mesdames Gammons, King, Bomar, Franklin, Lilliston, "Slick-duck" Glaspie is Knoxville's Ward McAllister—I don't think. "Kitty bill" Prosser thinks he is a hot tomale in a cold can," for the matter of that he is. Music is reaching a high standard in this city especially Easter. At all the churches special music is prepared, The First Baptist church, Miss L. E. Barnett, director, gives Millard's Mass in "G." St. Pauls, J. C. Prosser director, miscellaneous program assisted by an orchestra. Logan Temple, Wm. Mosby director, miscellaneous, assisted J. Rodwarder, vocalist and choir master. Shiloh Presbyterian, Mr. Fagg director, miscellaneous program. African Methodist, Prof. Manning director, miscellaneous program. Prof. Hastin has organized a choral society, they are rehearsing some standard music.

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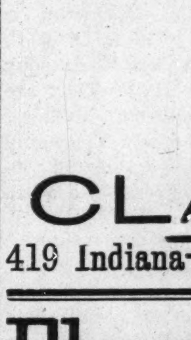

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